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**Section 5 of the Partners for Fish and Wildlife Act (16 U.S.C. 3774)**

**(Sec. 5) §3774. Authorization of appropriations**

There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this chapter not more than \$75,000,000 for each of fiscal years [2019 through 2023] 2024 through 2028.

**Section 2101 of the African Elephant Conservation Act (16 U.S.C. 4211)**

**(Sec. 2101) §4211. Provision of assistance**

*(a) In general*

The Secretary may provide financial assistance under this subchapter from the Fund for approved projects for research, conservation, management, or protection of African elephants.

*(b) Project proposal*

Any African government agency responsible for African elephant conservation and protection, the CITES Secretariat, and any organization or individual with experience in African elephant conservation may submit to the Secretary a project proposal under this section. Each such proposal shall contain-

- (1) the name of the person responsible for conducting the project;
- (2) a succinct statement of the need for and purposes of the project;
- (3) a description of the qualifications of the individuals who will be conducting the project;
- (4) an estimate of the funds and time required to complete the project;
- (5) evidence of support of the project by governmental entities of countries within which the project will be conducted, if such support may be important for the success of the project; and
- (6) any other information the Secretary considers to be necessary or appropriate for evaluating the eligibility of the project for funding under this chapter.

*(c) Project review and approval*

The Secretary shall review each project proposal to determine if it meets the criteria set forth in subsection (d) and otherwise merits assistance under this chapter. Not later than six months after receiving a project proposal, and subject to the availability of funds, the Secretary shall approve or disapprove the proposal and provide written notification to the person who submitted the proposal.

*(d) Criteria for approval*

The Secretary may approve a project under this section if the project will enhance programs for African elephant research, conservation, management, or protection by-

- (1) developing in a usable form sound scientific information on African elephant habitat condition and carrying capacity, total elephant numbers and population trends, or annual reproduction and mortality; or
- (2) assisting efforts-

(A) to ensure that any taking of African elephants in the country is effectively controlled and monitored;

(B) to implement conservation programs to provide for healthy, sustainable African elephant populations; or

(C) to enhance compliance with the CITES Ivory Control System.

*(e) Project sustainability*

To the maximum extent practical, in determining whether to approve project proposals under this section, the Secretary shall give consideration to projects that will enhance sustainable conservation programs to ensure effective long-term conservation of African elephants.

*(f) Project reporting*

Each entity that receives assistance under this section shall provide such periodic reports to the Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service as the Director considers relevant and appropriate. Each report shall include all information requested by the Director for evaluating the progress and success of the project.

**(g) MULTIYEAR GRANTS.—**

(1) AUTHORIZATION.—The Secretary may award to a person who is otherwise eligible for a grant under this section a multiyear grant of up to 5 years to carry out a project that the person demonstrates is an effective, long-term conservation strategy for African elephants and the habitat of African elephants.

(2) EFFECT.—Nothing in this subsection precludes the Secretary from awarding a grant on an annual basis.

**Section 2306 of the African Elephant Conservation Act (16 U.S.C. 4245)**

**(Sec. 2306) §4245. Authorization of appropriations**

*(a) In general*

There is authorized to be appropriated to the Fund and to the Secretary a total of not to exceed \$5,000,000 for each of fiscal years [2019 through 2023] 2024 through 2028 to carry out this chapter, to remain available until expended.

*(b) Administrative expenses*

Of amounts available each fiscal year to carry out this chapter, the Secretary may expend not more than 3 percent or \$100,000, whichever is greater, to pay the administrative expenses necessary to carry out this chapter.

**Section 5 of the Asian Elephant Conservation Act (16 U.S.C. 4264)**

**(Sec. 5) §4264. Asian elephant conservation assistance**

*(a) In general*

The Secretary, subject to the availability of funds and in consultation with the Administrator, shall use amounts in the Fund to provide financial assistance for projects for the conservation of

Asian elephants for which final project proposals are approved by the Secretary in accordance with this section.

*(b) Project proposal*

Any relevant wildlife management authority of a nation within the range of Asian elephants whose activities directly or indirectly affect Asian elephant populations, the CITES Secretariat, or any person with demonstrated expertise in the conservation of Asian elephants, may submit to the Secretary a project proposal under this section. Each proposal shall include the following:

- (1) The name of the individual responsible for conducting the project.
- (2) A succinct statement of the purposes of the project.
- (3) A description of the qualifications of the individuals who will conduct the project.
- (4) An estimate of the funds and time required to complete the project.
- (5) Evidence of support of the project by appropriate governmental entities of countries in which the project will be conducted, if the Secretary determines that the support is required for the success of the project.
- (6) Information regarding the source and amount of matching funding available to the applicant.
- (7) Any other information the Secretary considers to be necessary for evaluating the eligibility of the project for funding under this chapter.

*(c) Project review and approval*

*(1) In general*

Within 30 days after receiving a final project proposal, the Secretary shall provide a copy of the proposal to the Administrator. The Secretary shall review each final project proposal to determine if it meets the criteria set forth in subsection (d).

*(2) Consultation; approval or disapproval*

Not later than 6 months after receiving a final project proposal, and subject to the availability of funds, the Secretary, after consulting with the Administrator, shall-

- (A) request written comments on the proposal from each country within which the project is to be conducted;
- (B) after requesting those comments, approve or disapprove the proposal; and
- (C) provide written notification of that approval or disapproval to the person who submitted the proposal and the Administrator.

*(d) Criteria for approval*

The Secretary may approve a final project proposal under this section if the project will enhance programs for conservation of Asian elephants by assisting efforts to-

- (1) implement conservation programs;
  - (2) address the conflicts between humans and elephants that arise from competition for the same habitat;
  - (3) enhance compliance with provisions of CITES and laws of the United States or a foreign country that prohibit or regulate the taking or trade of Asian elephants or regulate the use and management of Asian elephant habitat;
  - (4) develop sound scientific information on the condition of Asian elephant habitat, Asian elephant population numbers and trends, or the threats to such habitat, numbers, or trends;
- or
- (5) promote cooperative projects on those topics with other foreign governments, affected local communities, nongovernmental organizations, or others in the private sector.

*(e) Project sustainability*

To the maximum extent practical, in determining whether to approve project proposals under this section, the Secretary shall give consideration to projects which will enhance sustainable integrated conservation development programs to ensure effective, long-term conservation of Asian elephants.

*(f) Project reporting*

Each person who receives assistance under this section for a project shall provide periodic reports, as the Secretary considers necessary, to the Secretary and the Administrator. Each report shall include all information required by the Secretary, after consulting with the Administrator, for evaluating the progress and success of the project.

*(g) Matching funds*

In determining whether to approve project proposals under this section, the Secretary shall give priority to those projects for which there exists some measure of matching funds.

*(h) Limitation on use for captive breeding*

Amounts provided as a grant under this chapter may not be used for captive breeding of Asian elephants other than for release in the wild.

**(i) MULTIYEAR GRANTS.—**

(1) AUTHORIZATION.—The Secretary may award to a person who is otherwise eligible for a grant under this section a multiyear grant of up to 5 years to carry out a project that the person demonstrates is an effective, long-term conservation strategy for Asian elephants and the habitat of Asian elephants.

(2) EFFECT.—Nothing in this subsection precludes the Secretary from awarding a grant on an annual basis.

**Section 8 of the Asian Elephant Conservation Act (16 U.S.C. 4266)**

**(Sec. 8) §4266. Authorization of appropriations**

*(a) In general*

There is authorized to be appropriated to the Fund \$5,000,000 for each of fiscal years [2019 through 2023] 2024 through 2028 to carry out this chapter, which may remain available until expended.

*(b) Administrative expenses*

Of amounts available each fiscal year to carry out this chapter, the Secretary may expend not more than 3 percent or \$100,000, whichever is greater, to pay the administrative expenses necessary to carry out this chapter.

**Section 5 of the Rhinoceros and Tiger Conservation Act of 1994 (16 U.S.C. 5304)**

**(Sec. 5) §5304. Rhinoceros and tiger conservation assistance**

*(a) In general*

The Secretary, subject to the availability of appropriations and in consultation with the Administrator, shall use amounts in the Fund to provide financial assistance for projects for the conservation of rhinoceros and tigers.

*(b) Project proposal*

A country whose activities directly or indirectly affect rhinoceros or tiger populations, the CITES Secretariat, or any other person may submit to the Secretary a project proposal under this section. Each proposal shall-

- (1) name the individual responsible for conducting the project;
- (2) state the purposes of the project succinctly;
- (3) describe the qualifications of the individuals who will conduct the project;
- (4) estimate the funds and time required to complete the project;
- (5) provide evidence of support of the project by appropriate governmental entities of countries in which the project will be conducted, if the Secretary determines that the support is required for the success of the project; and
- (6) provide any other information the Secretary considers to be necessary for evaluating the eligibility of the project for funding under this chapter.

*(c) Project review and approval*

Within 30 days of receiving a final project proposal, the Secretary shall provide a copy of the proposal to the Administrator. The Secretary shall review each final project proposal to determine if it meets the criteria set forth in subsection (d). Not later than 6 months after receiving a final project proposal, and subject to the availability of funds, the Secretary, after consulting with the Administrator, shall approve or disapprove the proposal and provide written notification to the person who submitted the proposal and to the Administrator.

*(d) Criteria for approval*

The Secretary may approve a project under this section if the project will enhance programs for conservation of rhinoceros or tigers by assisting efforts to-

- (1) implement conservation programs;
- (2) enhance compliance with provisions of CITES and laws of the United States or a foreign country that prohibit or regulate the taking or trade of rhinoceros or tigers or the use of rhinoceros or tiger habitat; or
- (3) develop sound scientific information on that species' habitat condition and carrying capacity, total numbers and population trends, or annual reproduction and mortality.

*(e) Project sustainability*

To the maximum extent practical, in determining whether to approve project proposals under this section, the Secretary shall give consideration to projects which will enhance sustainable conservation programs to ensure effective long-term conservation of rhinoceros and tigers.

*(f) Project reporting*

Each person that receives assistance under this section for a project shall provide periodic reports, as the Secretary considers necessary, to the Secretary and the Administrator. Each report shall include all information requested by the Secretary, after consulting with the Administrator, for evaluating the progress and success of the project.

**(g) MULTIYEAR GRANTS.—**

**(1) AUTHORIZATION.—**The Secretary may award to a person who is otherwise eligible for a grant under this section a multiyear grant of up to 5 years to carry out a project that the person

demonstrates is an effective, long-term conservation strategy for rhinoceroses or tigers and the habitat of rhinoceroses or tigers.

(2) EFFECT.—Nothing in this subsection precludes the Secretary from awarding a grant on an annual basis.

### **Section 10 of the Rhinoceros and Tiger Conservation Act of 1994 (16 U.S.C. 5306)**

#### **(Sec. 10) §5306. Authorization of appropriations**

##### *(a) In general*

There is authorized to be appropriated to the Fund \$10,000,000 for each of fiscal years [2019 through 2023] 2024 through 2028 to carry out this chapter, to remain available until expended.

##### *(b) Administrative expenses*

Of amounts available each fiscal year to carry out this chapter, the Secretary may expend not more than 3 percent or \$100,000, whichever is greater, to pay the administrative expenses necessary to carry out this chapter.

### **Section 4 of the Great Ape Conservation Act of 2000 (16 U.S.C. 6303)**

#### **(Sec. 4) §6303. Great ape conservation assistance**

##### *(a) In general*

Subject to the availability of funds and in consultation with other appropriate Federal officials, the Secretary shall use amounts in the Fund to provide financial assistance for projects for the conservation of great apes for which project proposals are approved by the Secretary in accordance with this section.

##### *(b) Project proposals*

##### *(1) Eligible applicants*

A proposal for a project for the conservation of great apes may be submitted to the Secretary by-

(A) any wildlife management authority of a country that has within its boundaries any part of the range of a great ape if the activities of the authority directly or indirectly affect a great ape population;

(B) the CITES Secretariat; or

(C) any person or group with the demonstrated expertise required for the conservation of great apes.

##### *(2) Required elements*

A project proposal shall include-

(A) a concise statement of the purposes of the project;

(B) the name of the individual responsible for conducting the project;

(C) a description of the qualifications of the individuals who will conduct the project;

(D) a concise description of-

(i) methods for project implementation and outcome assessment;

(ii) staff and community management for the project; and

(iii) the logistics of the project;

(E) an estimate of the funds and time required to complete the project;

(F) evidence of support for the project by appropriate governmental entities of the countries in which the project will be conducted, if the Secretary determines that such support is required for the success of the project;

(G) information regarding the source and amount of matching funding available for the project; and

(H) any other information that the Secretary considers to be necessary for evaluating the eligibility of the project for funding under this chapter.

*(c) Project review and approval*

*(1) In general*

The Secretary shall-

(A) not later than 30 days after receiving a project proposal, provide a copy of the proposal to other appropriate Federal officials; and

(B) review each project proposal in a timely manner to determine if the proposal meets the criteria specified in subsection (d).

*(2) Consultation; approval or disapproval*

Not later than 180 days after receiving a project proposal, and subject to the availability of funds, the Secretary, after consulting with other appropriate Federal officials, shall-

(A) consult on the proposal with the government of each country in which the project is to be conducted;

(B) after taking into consideration any comments resulting from the consultation, approve or disapprove the proposal; and

(C) provide written notification of the approval or disapproval to the person who submitted the proposal, other appropriate Federal officials, and each country described in subparagraph (A).

*(d) Criteria for approval*

The Secretary may approve a project proposal under this section if the project will enhance programs for conservation of great apes by assisting efforts to-

(1) implement conservation programs;

(2) address the conflicts between humans and great apes that arise from competition for the same habitat;

(3) enhance compliance with CITES and other applicable laws that prohibit or regulate the taking or trade of great apes or regulate the use and management of great ape habitat;

(4) develop sound scientific information on, or methods for monitoring-

(A) the condition and health of great ape habitat;

(B) great ape population numbers and trends; or

(C) the current and projected threats to the habitat, current and projected numbers, or current and projected trends;

(5) promote cooperative projects on the issues described in paragraph (4) among government entities, affected local communities, nongovernmental organizations, or other persons in the private sector; or

(6) address root causes of threats to great apes in range states, including illegal bushmeat trade, diseases, lack of regional or local capacity for conservation, and habitat loss due to natural disasters.

*(e) Project sustainability*

To the maximum extent practicable, in determining whether to approve project proposals under this section, the Secretary shall give preference to conservation projects that are designed to ensure effective, long-term conservation of great apes and their habitats.

*(f) Matching funds*

In determining whether to approve project proposals under this section, the Secretary shall give preference to projects for which matching funds are available.

*(g) Project reporting*

*(1) In general*

Each person that receives assistance under this section for a project shall submit to the Secretary periodic reports (at such intervals as the Secretary considers necessary) that include all information that the Secretary, after consultation with other appropriate government officials, determines is necessary to evaluate the progress and success of the project for the purposes of ensuring positive results, assessing problems, and fostering improvements.

*(2) Availability to the public*

Reports under paragraph (1), and any other documents relating to projects for which financial assistance is provided under this chapter, shall be made available to the public.

*(h) Limitations on use for captive breeding*

Amounts provided as a grant under this chapter-

(1) may not be used for captive breeding of great apes other than for captive breeding for release into the wild; and

(2) may be used for captive breeding of a species for release into the wild only if no other conservation method for the species is biologically feasible.

*(i) Panel*

*(1) Convention*

Not later than 1 year after March 12, 2019, and every 5 years thereafter, the Secretary may convene a panel of experts on great apes to identify the greatest needs and priorities for the conservation of great apes.

*(2) Composition*

The Secretary shall ensure that the panel referred to in paragraph (1) includes, to the maximum extent practicable, 1 or more representatives-

(A) from each country that comprises the natural range of great apes; and

(B) with expertise in great ape conservation.

*(3) Conservation plans*

In identifying the conservation needs and priorities under paragraph (1), the panel referred to in that paragraph shall consider any relevant great ape conservation plan or strategy, including scientific research and findings relating to-

(A) the conservation needs and priorities of great apes;

(B) any regional or species-specific action plan or strategy;

(C) any applicable strategy developed or initiated by the Secretary; and



(D) any other applicable conservation plan or strategy.

*(4) Funds*

Subject to the availability of appropriations, the Secretary may use amounts available to the Secretary to pay for the costs of convening and facilitating any meeting of the panel referred to in paragraph (1).

*(5) Applicability of chapter 10 of title 5*

Chapter 10 of title 5 shall not apply to a panel convened under paragraph (1).

*(j) Multiyear grants*

*(1) Authorization*

The Secretary may award to a person who is otherwise eligible for a grant under this section a multiyear grant of up to 5 years to carry out a project that the person demonstrates is an effective, long-term conservation strategy for great apes and the habitat of great apes.

*(2) Effect of subsection*

Nothing in this subsection precludes the Secretary from awarding a grant on an annual basis.

**Section 6 of the Great Ape Conservation Act of 2000 (16 U.S.C. 6305)**

**(Sec. 6) §6305. Authorization of appropriations**

There are authorized to be appropriated to the Fund \$5,000,000 for each of fiscal years [2019 through 2023] 2024 through 2028.

**Section 4 of the Marine Turtle Conservation Act of 2004 (16 U.S.C. 6603)**

**(Sec. 4) §6603. Conservation assistance**

*(a) In general*

Subject to the availability of funds and in consultation with other Federal officials, the Secretary shall use amounts in the Fund to provide financial assistance for projects for the conservation of marine turtles, freshwater turtles, or tortoises for which project proposals are approved by the Secretary in accordance with this section.

*(b) Project proposals*

*(1) Eligible applicants*

A proposal for a project for the conservation of marine turtles, freshwater turtles, or tortoises may be submitted to the Secretary by-

(A) any wildlife management authority of a foreign country or territory of the United States that has within its boundaries marine turtle, freshwater turtle, or tortoise habitat, if the activities of the authority directly or indirectly affect marine turtle, freshwater turtle, or tortoise conservation; or

(B) any other person or group with the demonstrated expertise required for the conservation of marine turtles, freshwater turtles, or tortoises.

*(2) Required elements*

A project proposal shall include-

- (A) a statement of the purposes of the project;
- (B) the name of the individual with overall responsibility for the project;
- (C) a description of the qualifications of the individuals that will conduct the project;
- (D) a description of-
  - (i) methods for project implementation and outcome assessment;
  - (ii) staff and community management for the project; and
  - (iii) the logistics of the project;
- (E) an estimate of the funds and time required to complete the project;
- (F) evidence of support for the project by appropriate governmental entities of the countries in which the project will be conducted, if the Secretary determines that such support is required for the success of the project;
- (G) information regarding the source and amount of matching funding available for the project; and
- (H) any other information that the Secretary considers to be necessary for evaluating the eligibility of the project for funding under this chapter.

*(c) Project review and approval*

*(1) In general*

The Secretary shall-

- (A) not later than 30 days after receiving a project proposal, provide a copy of the proposal to other Federal officials, as appropriate; and
- (B) review each project proposal in a timely manner to determine whether the proposal meets the criteria specified in subsection (d).

*(2) Consultation; approval or disapproval*

Not later than 180 days after receiving a project proposal, and subject to the availability of funds, the Secretary, after consulting with other Federal officials, as appropriate, shall-

- (A) consult on the proposal with the government of each country and territory of the United States in which the project is to be conducted;
- (B) after taking into consideration any comments resulting from the consultation, approve or disapprove the project proposal; and
- (C) provide written notification of the approval or disapproval to the person that submitted the project proposal, other Federal officials, and each country and territory of the United States described in subparagraph (A).

*(d) Criteria for approval*

The Secretary may approve a project proposal under this section if the Secretary determines that the project will help to restore, recover, and sustain a viable population of marine turtles, freshwater turtles, or tortoises in the wild by assisting efforts in a foreign country or territory of the United States to implement a marine turtle, freshwater turtle, or tortoise conservation program.

*(e) Project sustainability*

To the maximum extent practicable, in determining whether to approve project proposals under this section, the Secretary shall give preference to conservation projects that are designed to ensure effective, long-term conservation of marine turtles, freshwater turtles, or tortoises and the habitats of marine turtles, freshwater turtles, or tortoises.

*(f) Matching funds*

In determining whether to approve project proposals under this section, the Secretary shall give preference to projects for which matching funds are available.

*(g) Project reporting*

*(1) In general*

Each person that receives assistance under this section for a project shall submit to the Secretary periodic reports (at such intervals as the Secretary may require) that include all information that the Secretary, after consultation with other government officials, determines is necessary to evaluate the progress and success of the project for the purposes of ensuring positive results, assessing problems, and fostering improvements.

*(2) Availability to the public*

Reports under paragraph (1), and any other documents relating to projects for which financial assistance is provided under this chapter, shall be made available to the public.

**(h) MULTIYEAR GRANT.—**

**(1) AUTHORIZATION.—**The Secretary may award to a person who is otherwise eligible for a grant under this section a multiyear grant of up to 5 years to carry out a project that the person demonstrates is an effective, long-term conservation strategy for marine turtles, freshwater turtles, or tortoises and the habitat of marine turtles, freshwater turtles, or tortoises.

**(2) EFFECT.—**Nothing in this subsection precludes the Secretary from awarding a grant on an annual basis.

**Section 7 of the Marine Turtle Conservation Act of 2004 (16 U.S.C. 6606)**

**(Sec. 7) §6606. Authorization of appropriations**

*(a) In general*

There is authorized to be appropriated to the Fund \$5,000,000 for each of fiscal years **2019 through 2023** **2024 through 2028**.

*(b) Allocation*

Of the amounts made available for each fiscal year pursuant to subsection (a)-

(1) not less than \$1,510,000 shall be used by the Secretary for marine turtle conservation purposes in accordance with this chapter; and

(2) of the amounts in excess of the amount described in paragraph (1), not less than 40 percent shall be used by the Secretary for freshwater turtle and tortoise conservation purposes in accordance with this chapter.